दूरदर्शन द्वारा प्रसारित कार्यक्रमों को नहीं देख पाती है ; यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को, इस संबंध में दिये गये अपने आश्वासन याद हैं ; यदि हां, तो उन्हें पूरा क्यों नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार सवाई माधोपुर के लिये एक नया दूरदर्शन ट्रांसमीटर लगाने का विचार रखती है : यदि हां, तो इसके कब तक स्थापित कर दिये जाने की आशा है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) (क) और (ख) जी; हां। सरकार को इस बात की पूरी जानकारी है कि सवाई माधोपुर में स्थानीय भूभागीय स्थिति के कारण अल्प शक्ति (100 वाट) टी०वी० ट्रांसमीटर की कवरेज सीमित है । क्षेत्र के काफी बड़े भाग के छाया क्षेत्रों में आने के बावजूद सवाई माधोपुर और मान, जिसे अब नया सवाई माधोपुर के नाम से जाना जाता है, के दोनों नगरों की 80 प्रतिशत जनसंख्या दूरदर्शन सेवा से कवर होती है । विगत में सरकार द्वारा दिए गए आश्वासन को पूरा करने के लिए, क्षेत्र को विस्तत कवरेज प्रदान करने के उद्देश्य से ट्रांसमीटर को उसके स्थायी स्थान पर ले जाने तथा ट्रांसमीटर के एन्टीना को 100 मी० टावर पर लगाया जाना है । स्थायी स्थान पर ट्रांसमीटर की इमारत का निर्माण और टावर का निर्माण करीब पूरा हो चका है और वर्तमान संकेतों के अनुसार स्थायी स्थल पर ट्रांसमीटर के 1997 के मध्य तक सेवा के लिए चालू हो जाने की आशा है। उक्त ट्रांसमीटर को इसके स्थायी स्थल पर ले जाने में देरी का कारण यह है कि वहा पर काम करने के लिए जगह बहुत सीमित उपलब्ध है, 100 मी० ऊंची टावर और उसके साथ-साथ दो इमारतों का निर्माण एक साथ नहीं किया जा सका ।

(ग) सवाई माधोपुर में एक और टी०वी० ट्रांसमीटर लगाए जाने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन नहीं है ।

Revenues of Doordarshan

1316. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take steps to increase the revenues of Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to telecast more interesting and entertaining programmes, thereby attracting advertisement that will generate more revenues.

Augmentation of T.V. Transmission Network to Jabalpur

1317. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has so far been made for augmentation of TV transmission Network in Jabalpur, including the erection of a TV tower;

(b) by what time the project is likely to be completed; and

(c) how far the work has been delayed; itemwise, and what loss has been suffered thereby including that of imported equipment lying idle for so long?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (c) A high power (10KW) TV transmitter in replacement of the existing low power (100w) TV transmitter is under implementation at Jabalpur. This transmitter was initially planned to be commissioned during 1991-92. However, there has been delay in construction of the tower as excavation of hard rock bottom at the tower site, by blasting, was not allowed by the local authorities because of a building existing nearby. This had, therefore, to be done by chiselling which took considerable time. Besides, difficulties were encountered in procurement of requisite quantity of cement and steel. Presently, the construction of transmitter building has been completed and the tower height has reached 50 Mtr. as agsinst the proposed height of 220 Mtr. The transmitter and TVRO equipment have also been installed. Pending completion of the permanent tower, the transmitter has been installed on a temporary mast, as an interim set-up, and has started giving test transmissions on a reduced power of 1 KW. As per present indications, the TV transmitter is envisaged to be commissioned into service on its full radiating power by the middle of 1993.

Formulation of guidelines for air and Doordarshan

1318. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines for Doordarshan and AIR in regard to the coverage of demonstrations, rallies, yatras of political parties in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not the authority in AIR and Doordarshan who decides such Coverage ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes Sir while telecasting and broadcasting news in respect of demonstrations, rallies, yatras of political parties in the country in the National News Bulletins both Doordarshan and Akasnvani follow the following guidelines and norms laid down by the Government from time to time :

(i) Political activities are noticed based on their news worthiness.

(ii) Unbiased reportings of the news in respect of all the political parties.

(iii) Coverage of differing view points in the same bulletin to the extent possible.

(iv) Avoiding in the news bulletin the use of labels such as "progressive' and "cummunal " etc.

(v) In case of controversy about nomenclature of a political party following the name as approved by the Election Commission of India or by a Court of Law.

(vi) Coverage of political controversies based on objectivity and fair play.

(b) Does not arise.

Distortion of Facts relating to great martyr Khudiram Bose

1319. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in the programme 'Bharat ke Shaheed' shown on Doordarshan the facts relating to the great martyr Khudiram Bose were distorted; and

(b) if so, whether responsibility has been fixed for this lapse and action taken against the responsible for this lapse ?